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OYSTER WRAP BLOUSE

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Let this wrap top become your holiday wardrobe MVP! With the perfect balance of fit and flow as well as elastic-gathered hems, this design creates a simple silhouette that is both elegant and appropriate for every day.

Download the Oyster Wrap Blouse pattern from www.sewdaily.com/go/SNfreebies until Jan. 31, 2022. Purchase the pattern at www.sewdaily.com after the expiration date.

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SUPPLIES

- 2 to 3 yards of fabric (amount according to chart below)
- Lightweight fusible interfacing
- Matching all-purpose thread
- ½"-wide elastic (amount according to your measurements)
- Serger (optional)

PREPARE

Download the Oyster Wrap Blouse pattern at www.sewdaily.com/go/SNfreebies. Print and cut out.

Cut out the pattern pieces accord- ing to your measurements.

From the fabric, cut two fronts, one back on the fold, two front facings, one back facing on the fold and two sleeves.

Transfer all the pattern markings.

From the interfacing, cut two front facings and one back facing on the fold.

Fuse the interfacing to the corre- sponding piece wrong sides following the manufacturer's instructions.

CONSTRUCT

Use ⅝" seam allowances unless otherwise noted.

Staystitch the front neckline, back necklines and armscyes using ¼" seam allowances.

Pin the front and back bodices with right sides together along each shoulder seam and stitch.

Zigzag- or serge-finish each seam allowance together, then press open or toward the back bodice.

Repeat to stitch the bodice side seams **(1)**.

Stitch the front and back facings with right sides together along each shoulder seam and press open. Press the facing outer edge ¼" toward the wrong side **(2)**.

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

	0–16	18–34
60"	2 yards	2¼ yards
54"	2⅛ yards	2¼ yards
44"	2⅛ yards	3 yards

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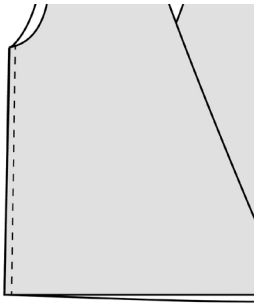

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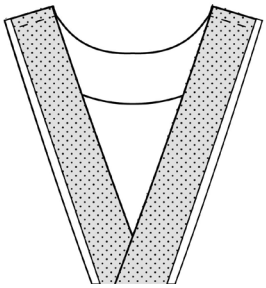


Pin the bodice and facing necklines with right sides together, aligning the seamlines, then stitch using a ⅜" seam allowance **(3)**.

Trim the seam allowance to ¼". Clip into the neckline seam allowance up to, but not through, the stitching line along the curve.

Press the seam allowance toward the facing and understitch.

Fold the facing toward the bodice wrong side and press. Stitch the facing folded outer edge through all layers to secure using a ⅛" seam allowance **(4)**.

Select a gathering stitch on the machine. Stitch one sleeve cap between the pattern markings using a ¼" seam allowance **(5)**.

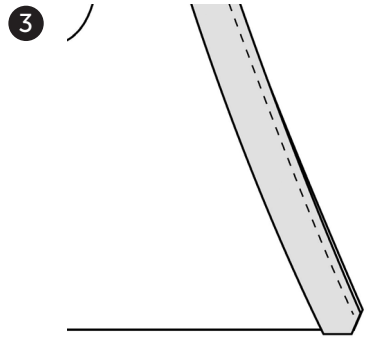
Zigzag- or serge-finish each sleeve underarm seam allowance individually. Pin the sleeve underarm seam together with right sides facing and stitch. Press the seam allowance open, then turn the sleeve right side out.

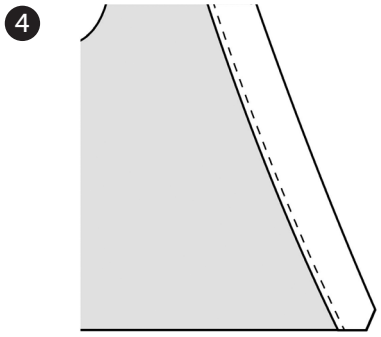
Repeat to construct the remaining sleeve.

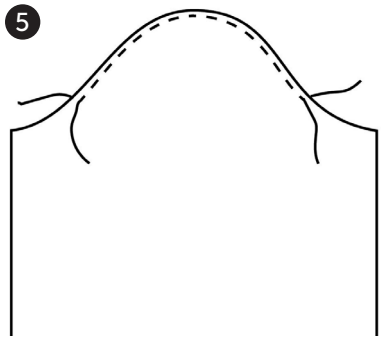
Turn the bodice wrong side out. Insert one sleeve into the corresponding armscye with right sides together, aligning the seamlines and pattern markings, and pin. Ease the sleeve cap into the armscye between the pattern markings.

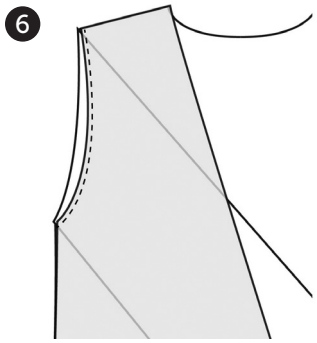
Beginning at the underarm seam-line, stitch the sleeve to the armscye **(6)**.

Trim the seam allowance, then zigzag- or serge-finish the seam allowance.









Repeat to attach the remaining sleeve to the opposite armscye.

Overlapping the front bodices, align each bodice lower-edge point with the corresponding pattern marking and pin **(7)**.

Baste the bodice lower edge at the overlap between the pattern markings.

Fold the bodice lower raw edge ¼" toward the wrong side and press.

Fold again ¾" toward the wrong side and press. Topstitch the shirt hem ⅞" from the folded lower edge, leaving a 2"-long opening to insert the elastic **(8)**.

Repeat to hem both sleeve lower edges.

Wrap the elastic around your waist until comfortably snug and mark the length. Add 1" to the elastic for the seam allowance and cut.

Select a wide zigzag stitch on the machine. Using a safety pin, insert the elastic through the bodice lower-edge opening. Overlap the elastic short ends ½" and stitch, making sure the elastic isn't twisted.

Finish stitching the bodice lower-edge opening closed along the previous stitching line.

Repeat to finish each sleeve lower edge.

Align the center-front patten markings and pin. Hand or machine tack the bodice fronts together at the pattern markings with a few stitches to secure **(9)**. Ⓢ

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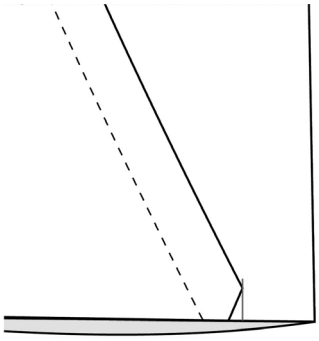

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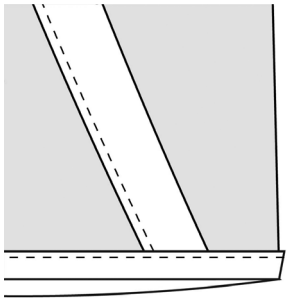

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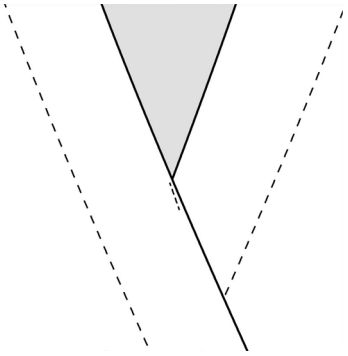

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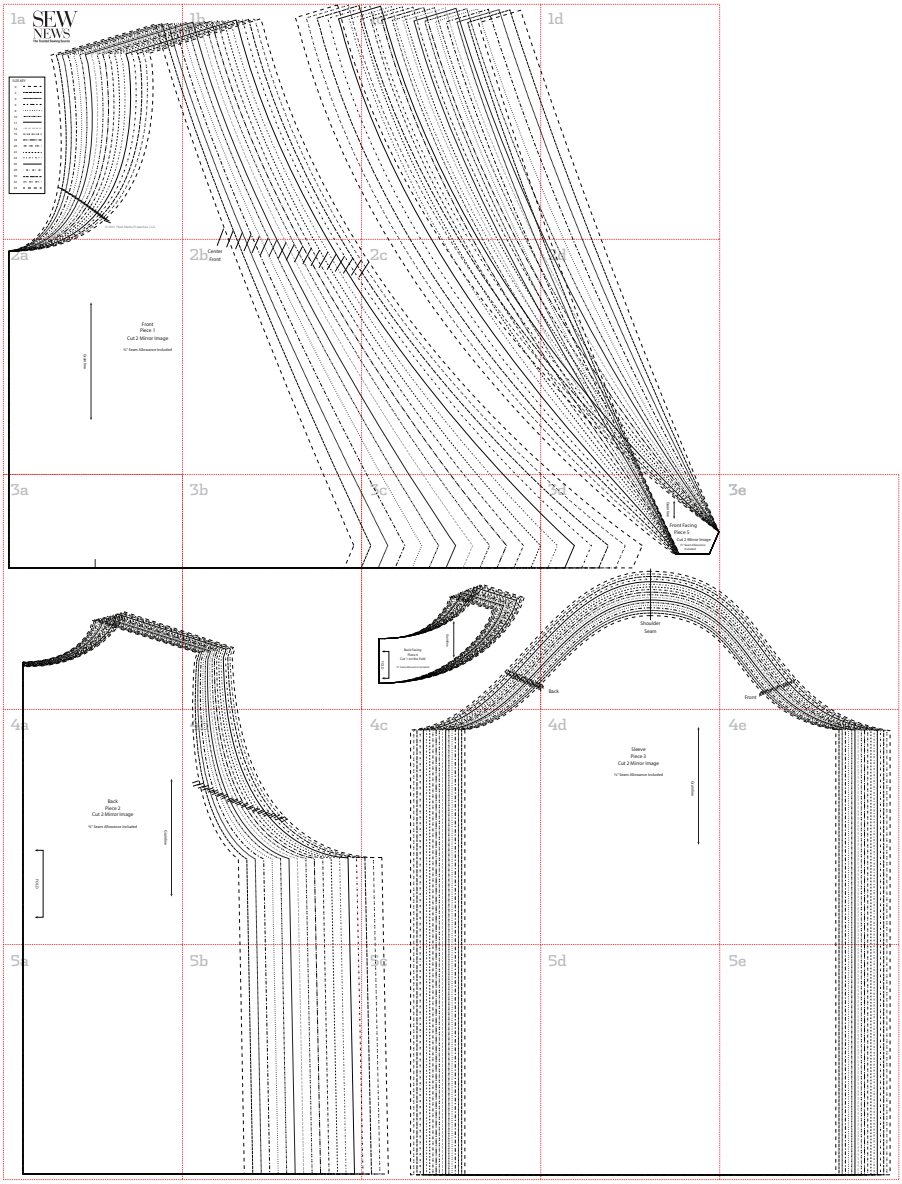

Template overview

1" Test Square

23 pages: 1a–1d; 2a–2d; 3a–3e; 4a–4e; 5a–5e

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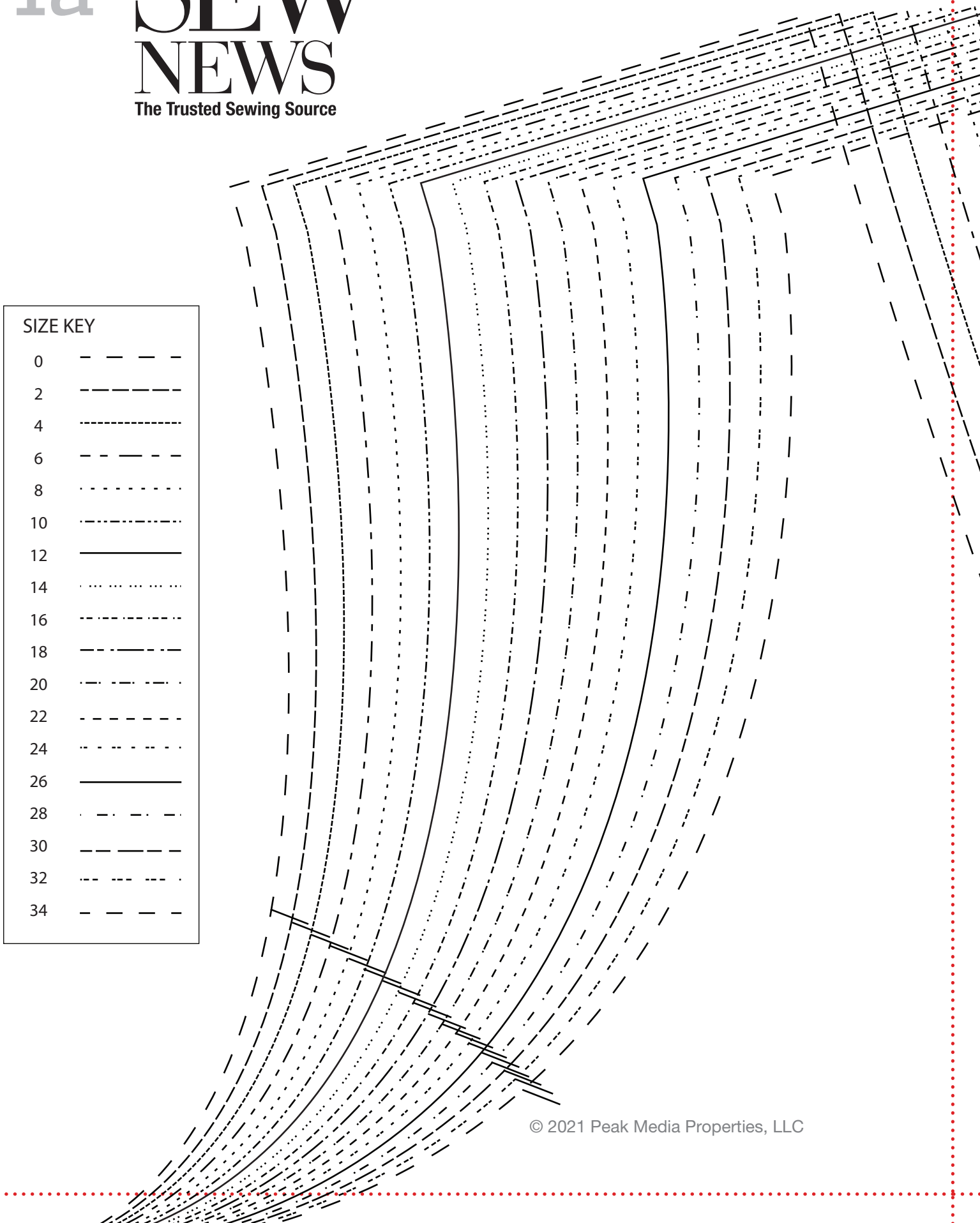

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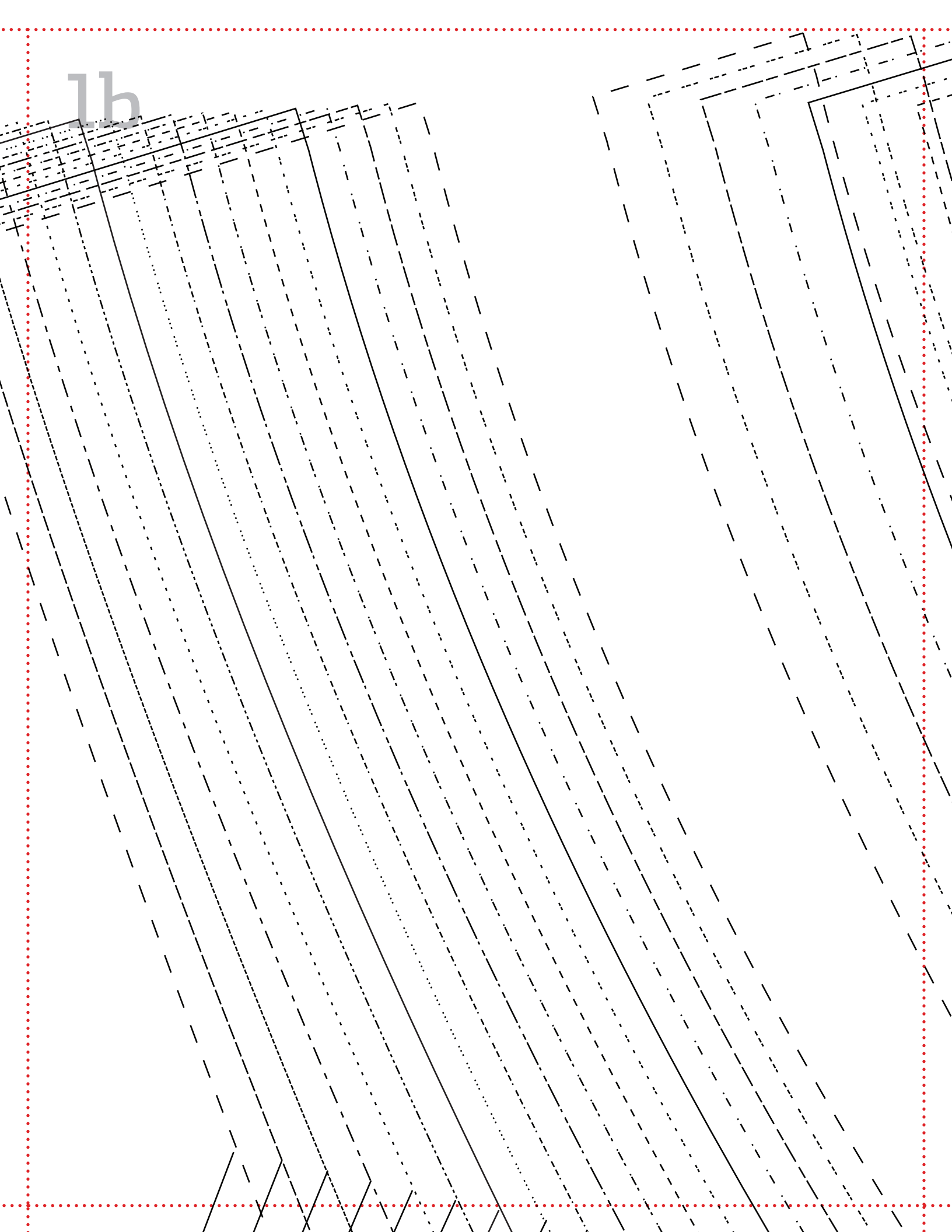

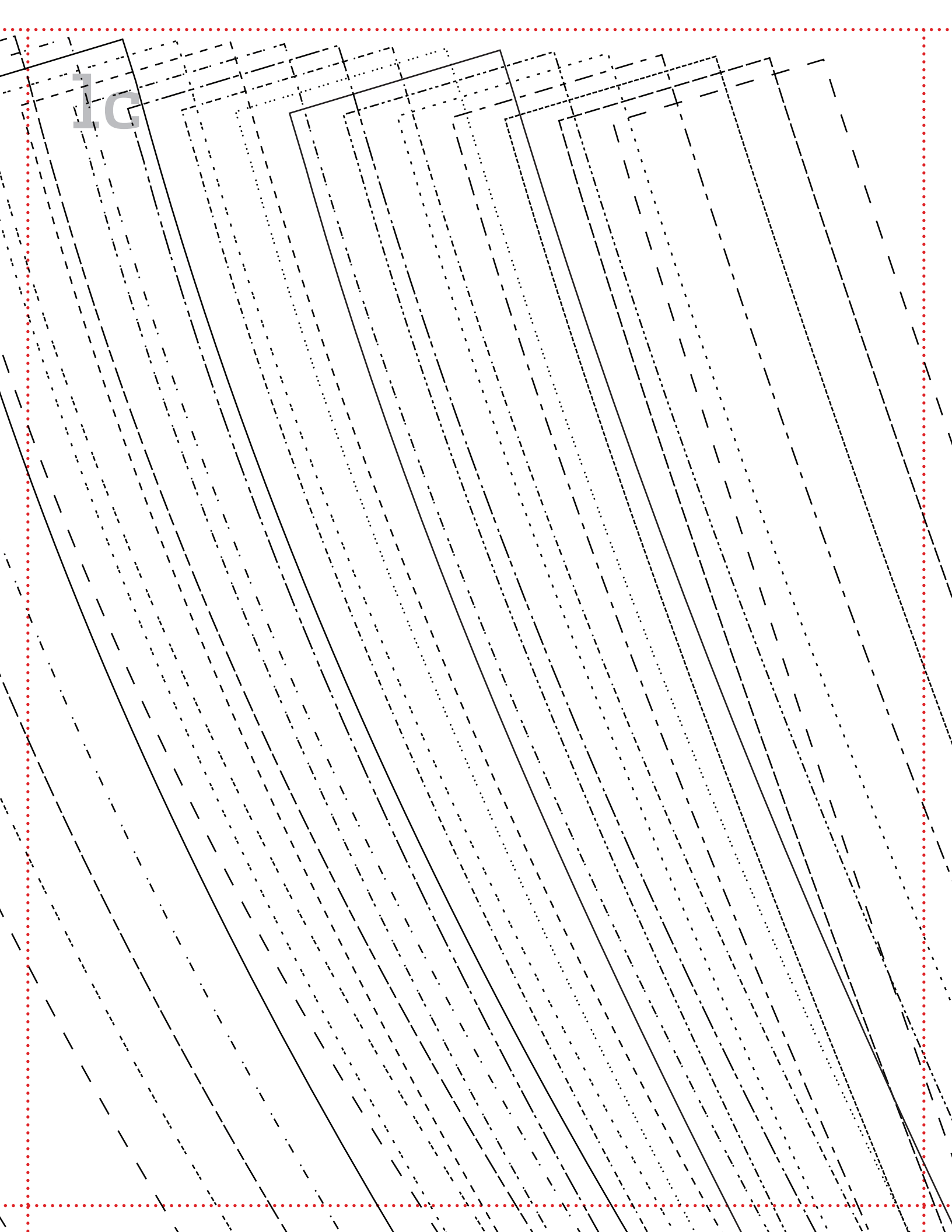
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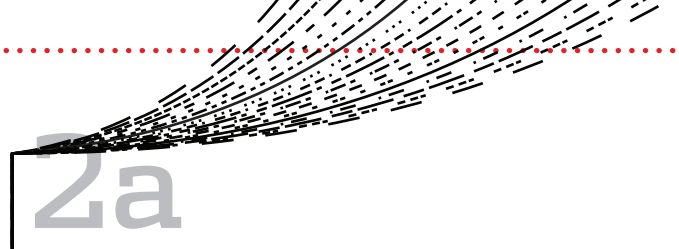

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Grainline

Front
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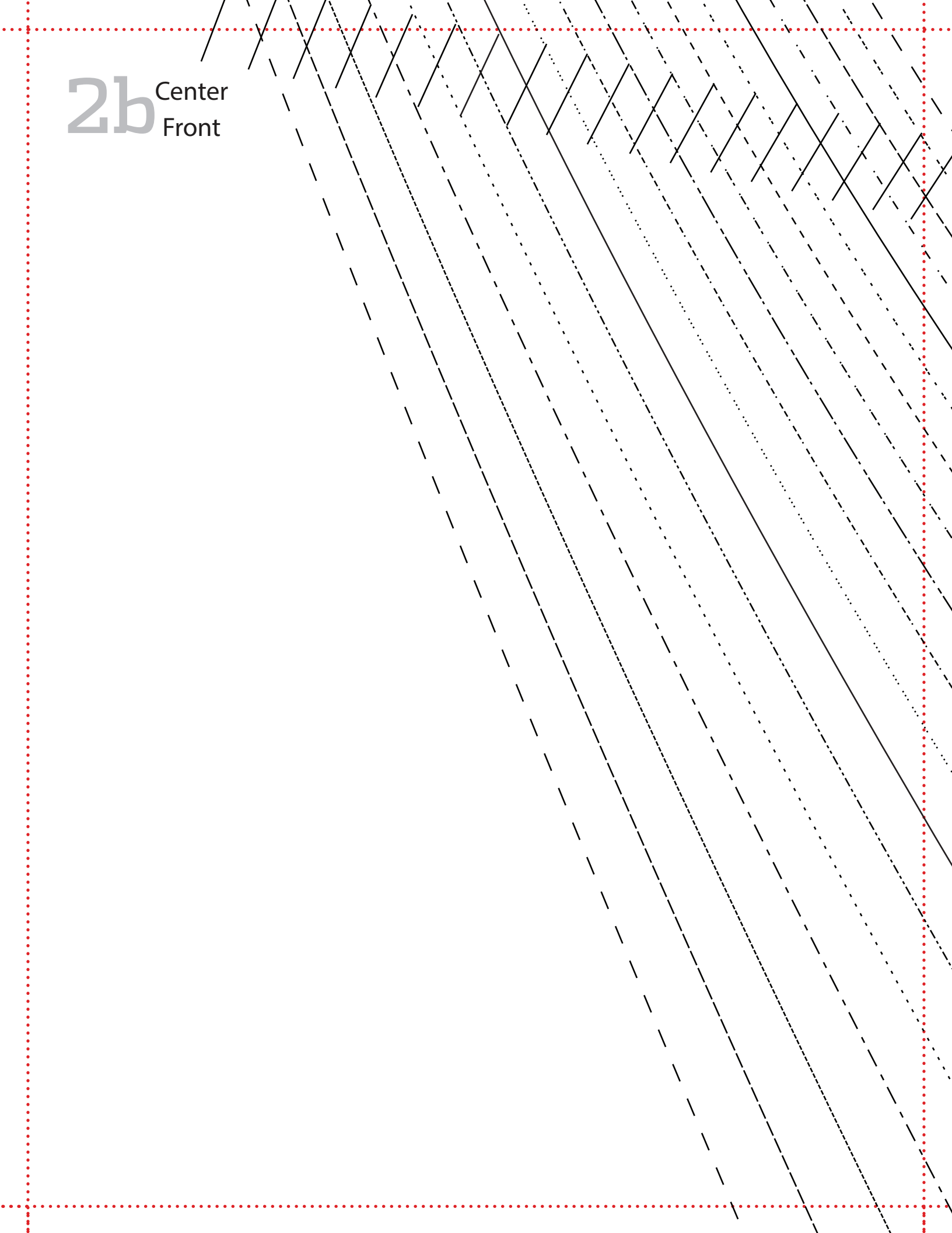
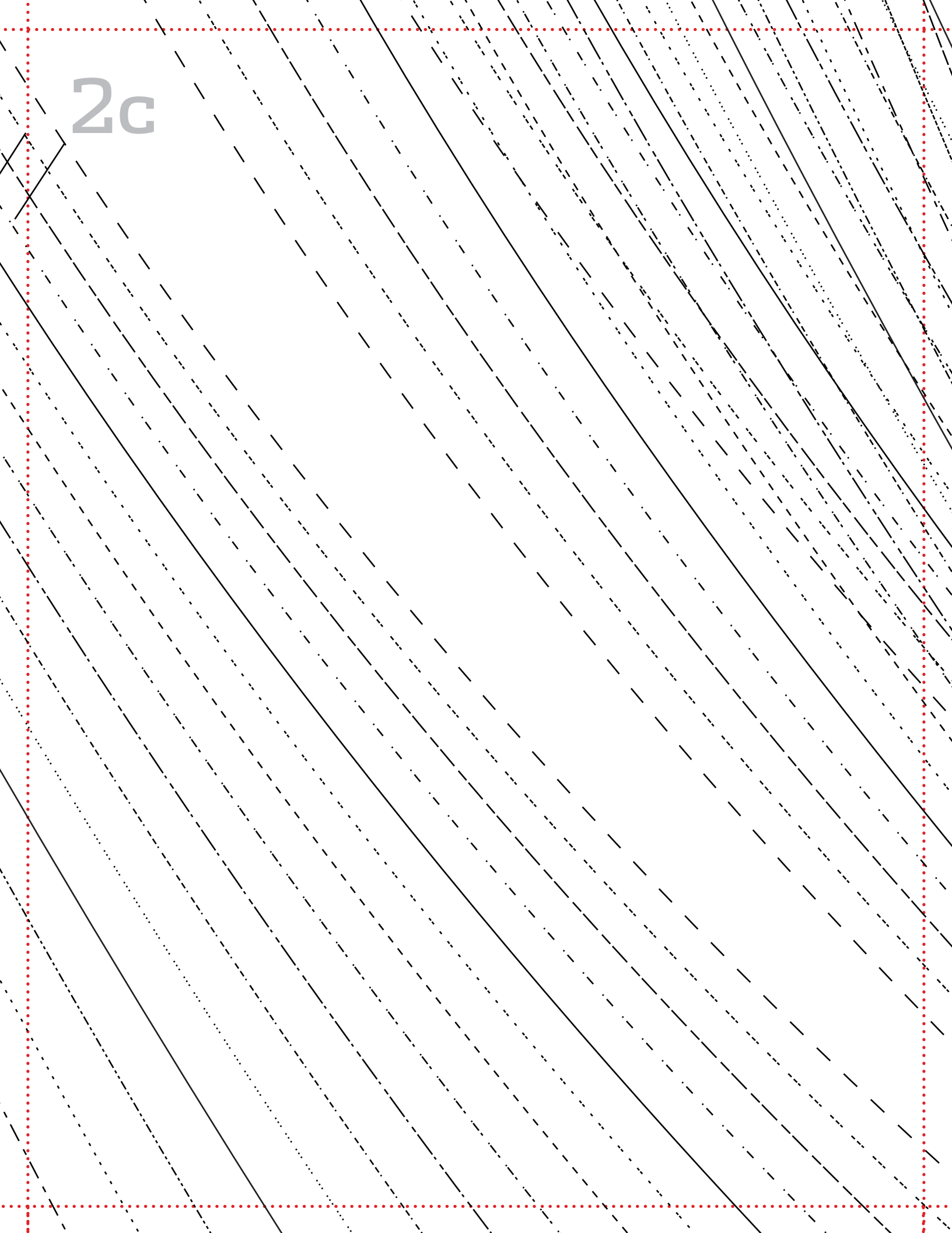
⅝" Seam Allowance Included

2b Center Front

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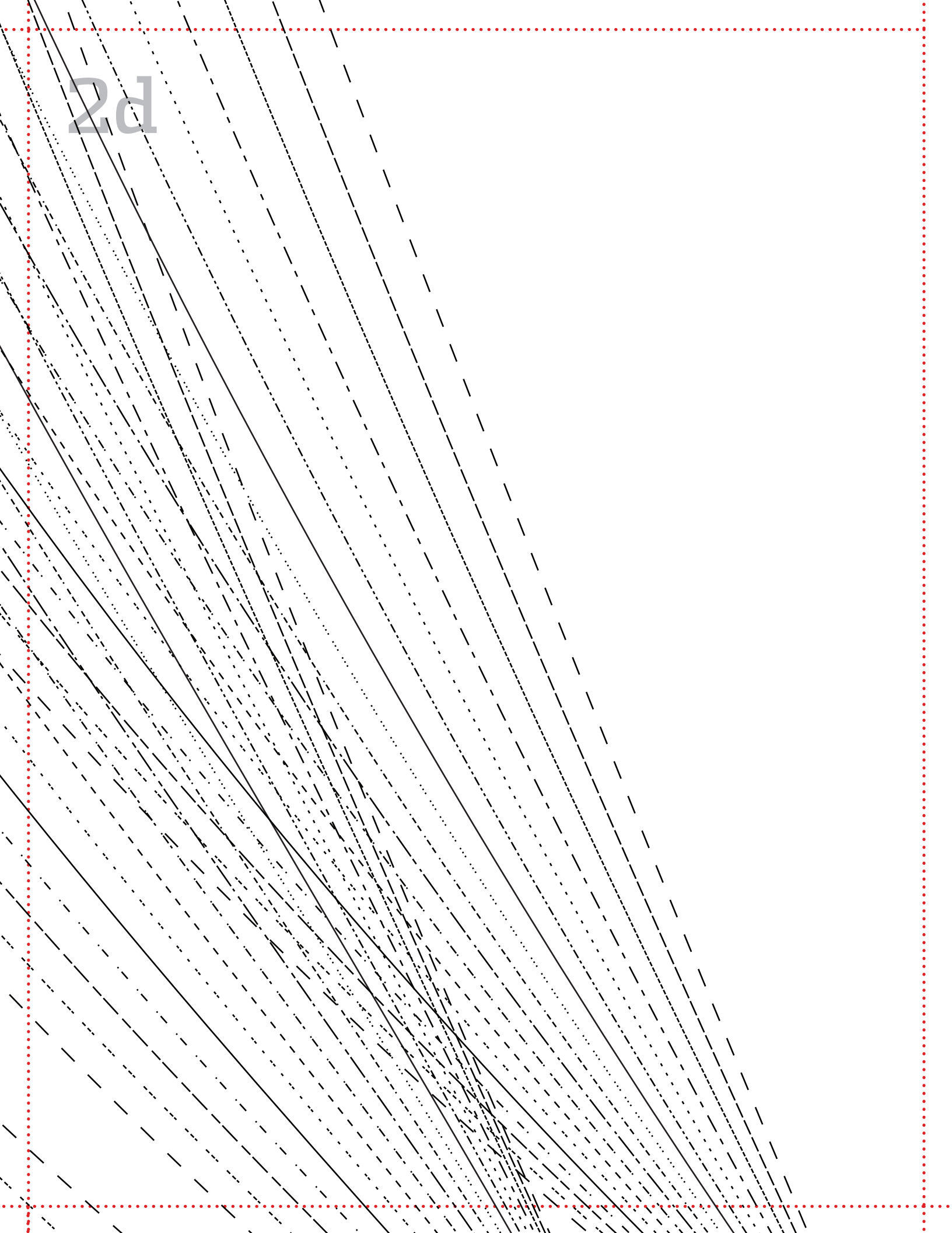
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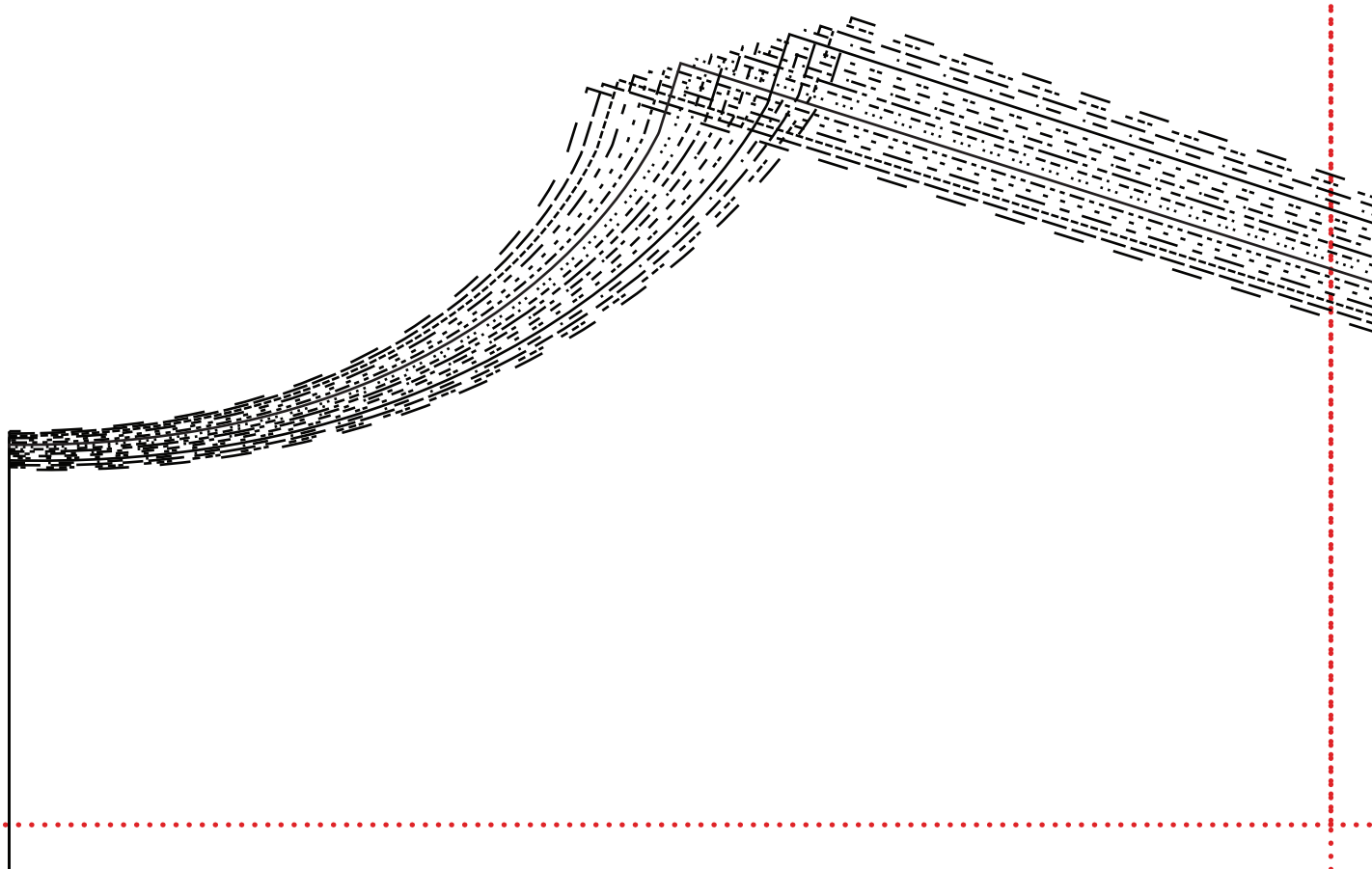

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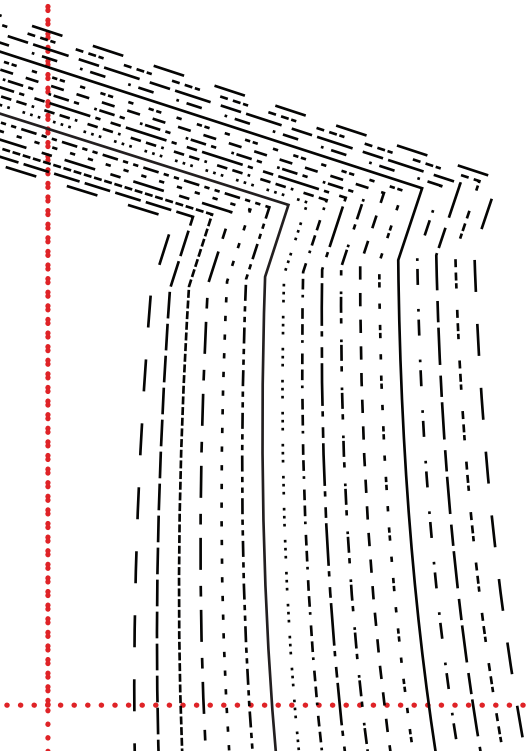

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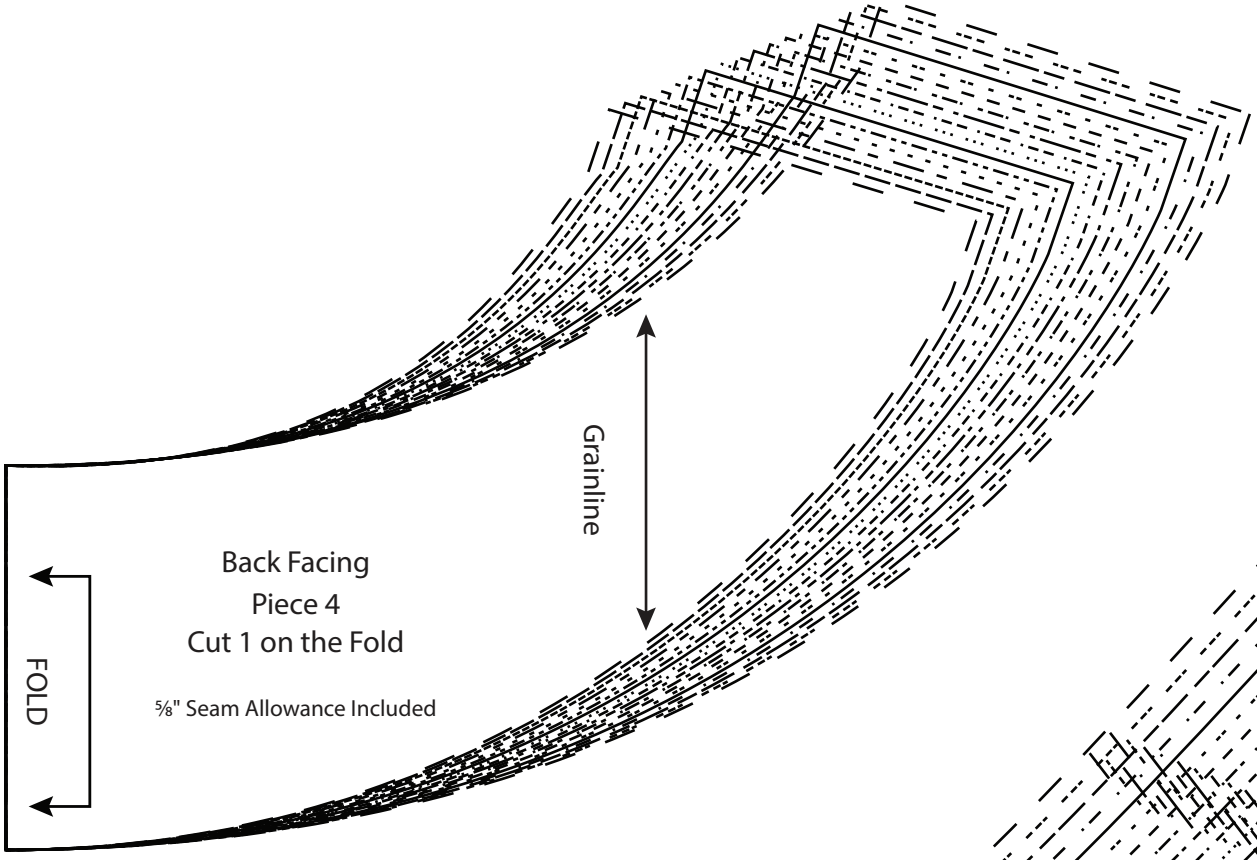
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FOLD

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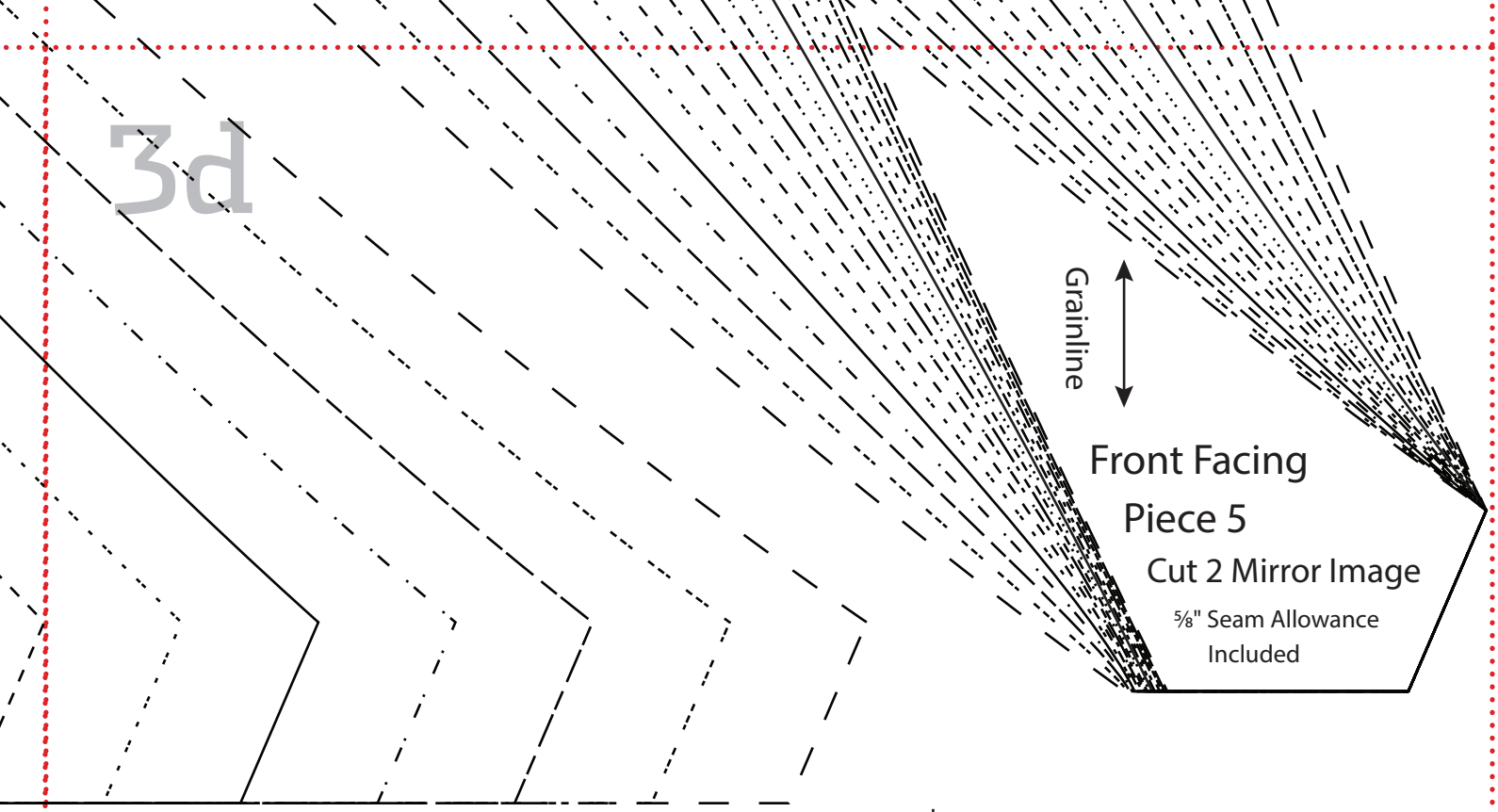
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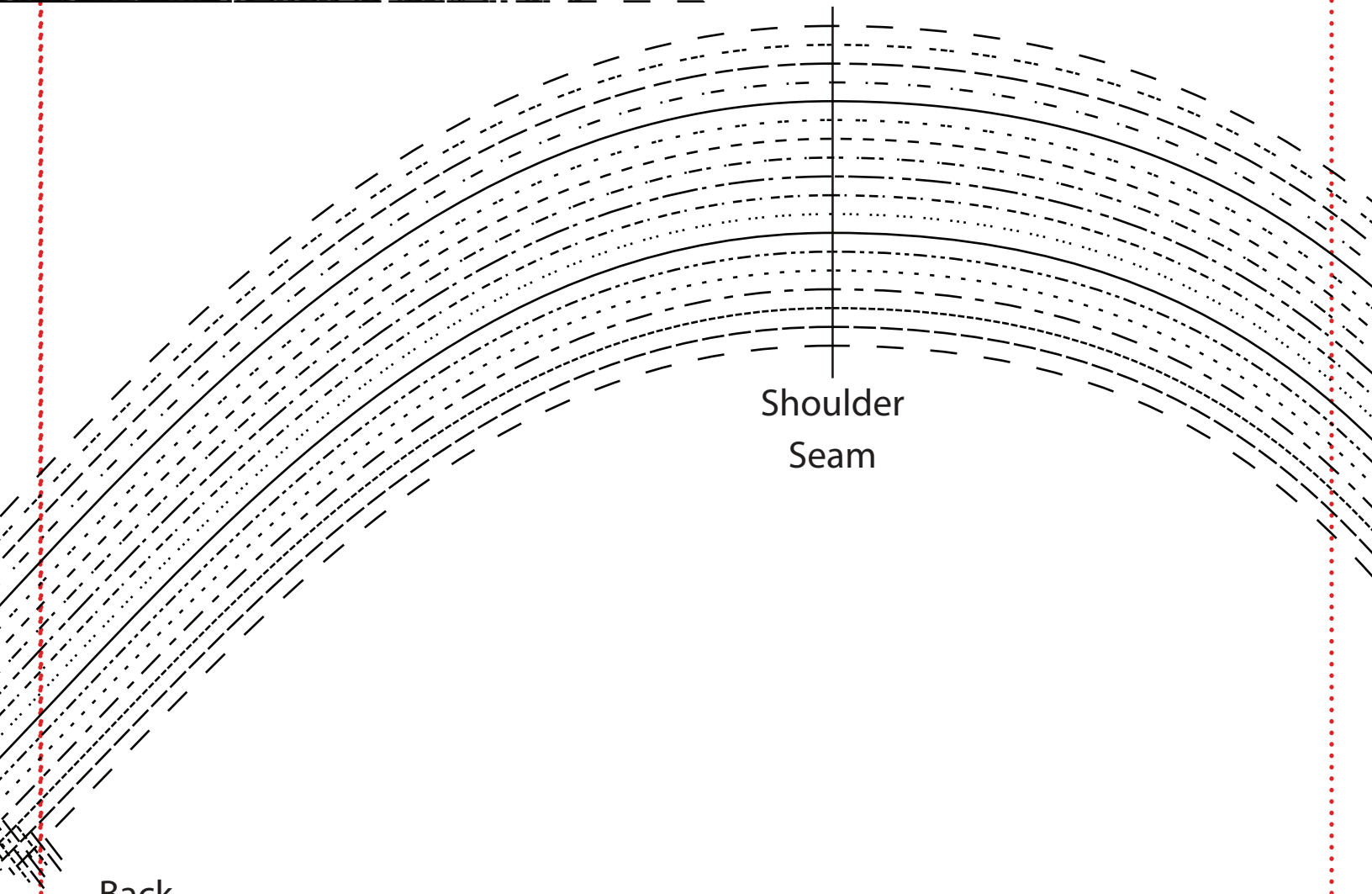
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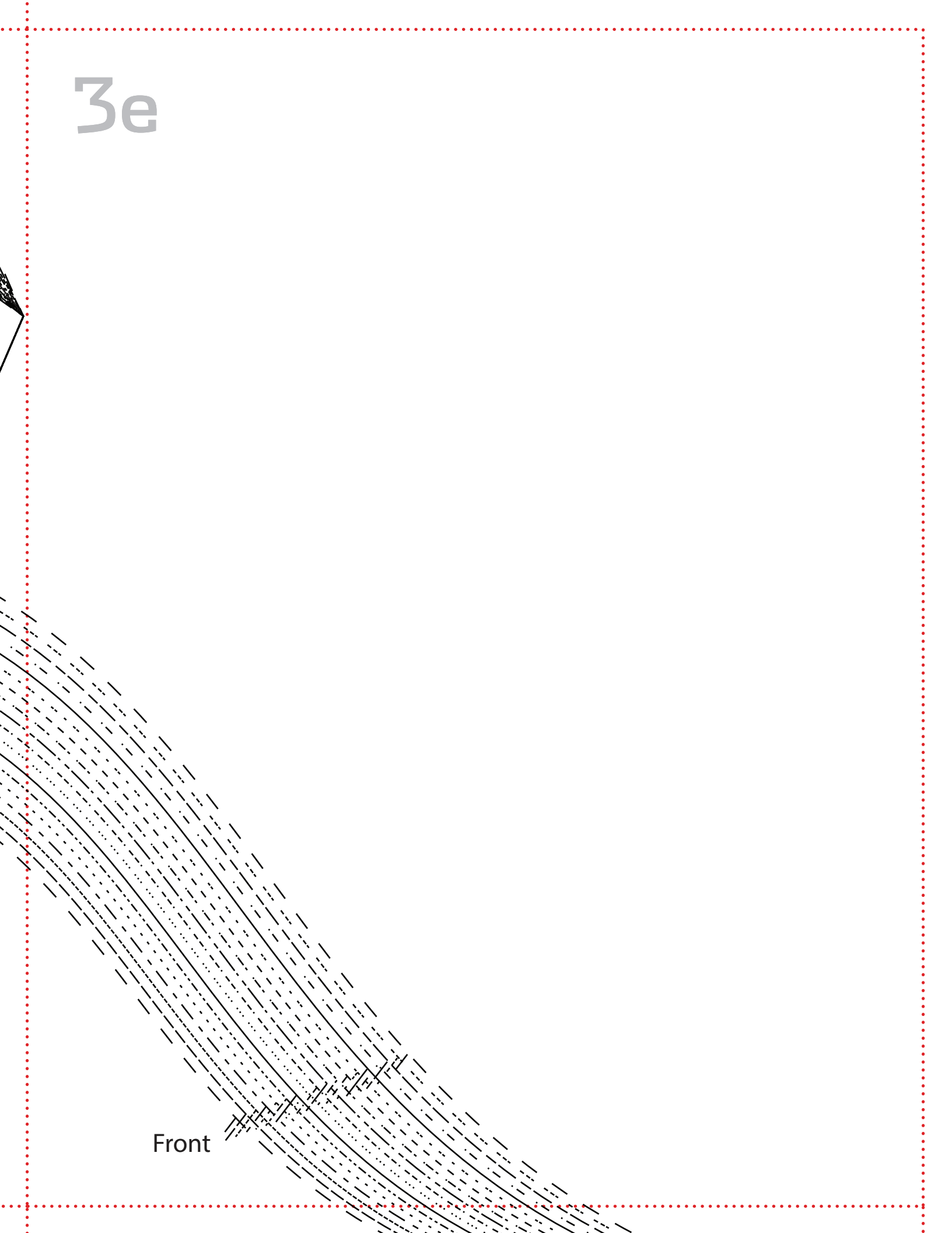

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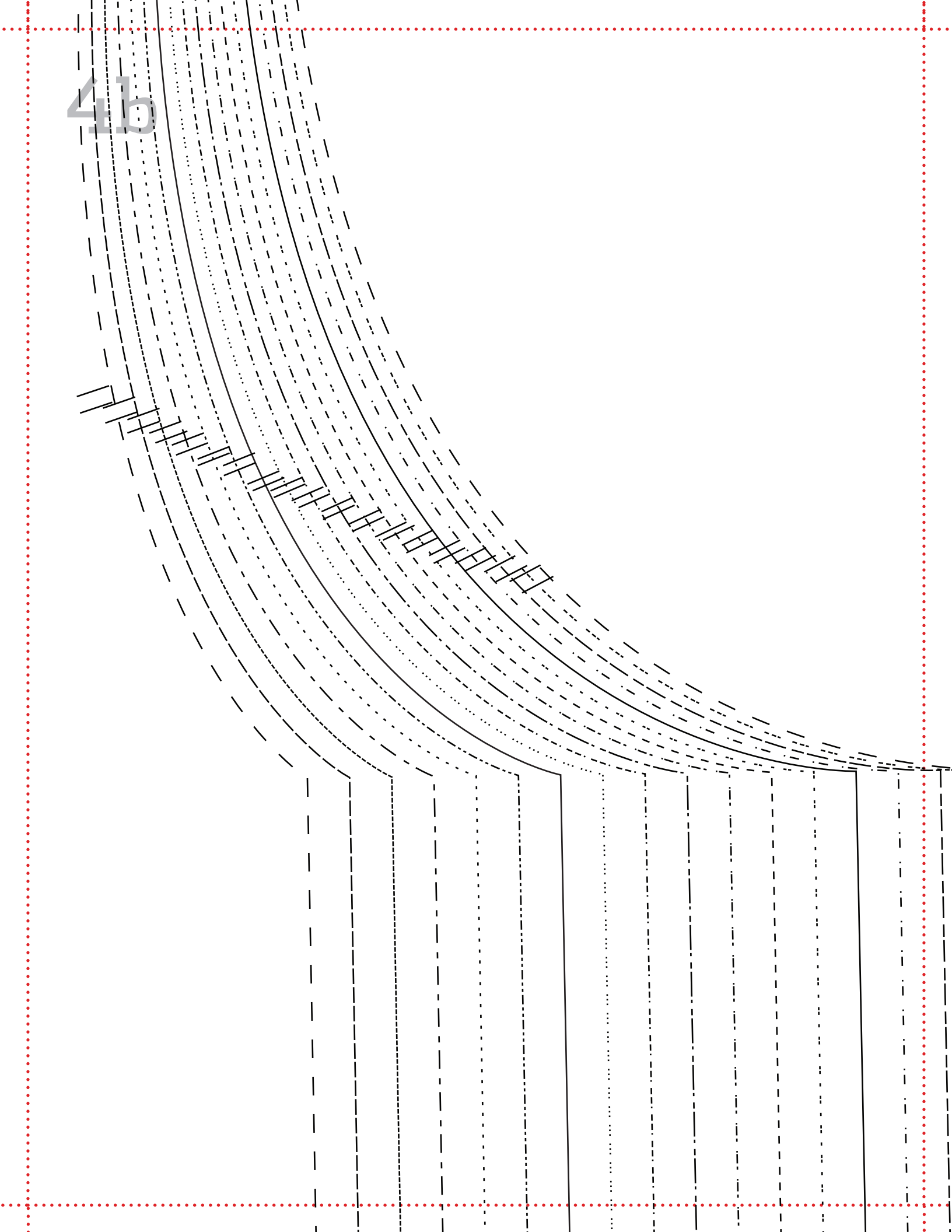
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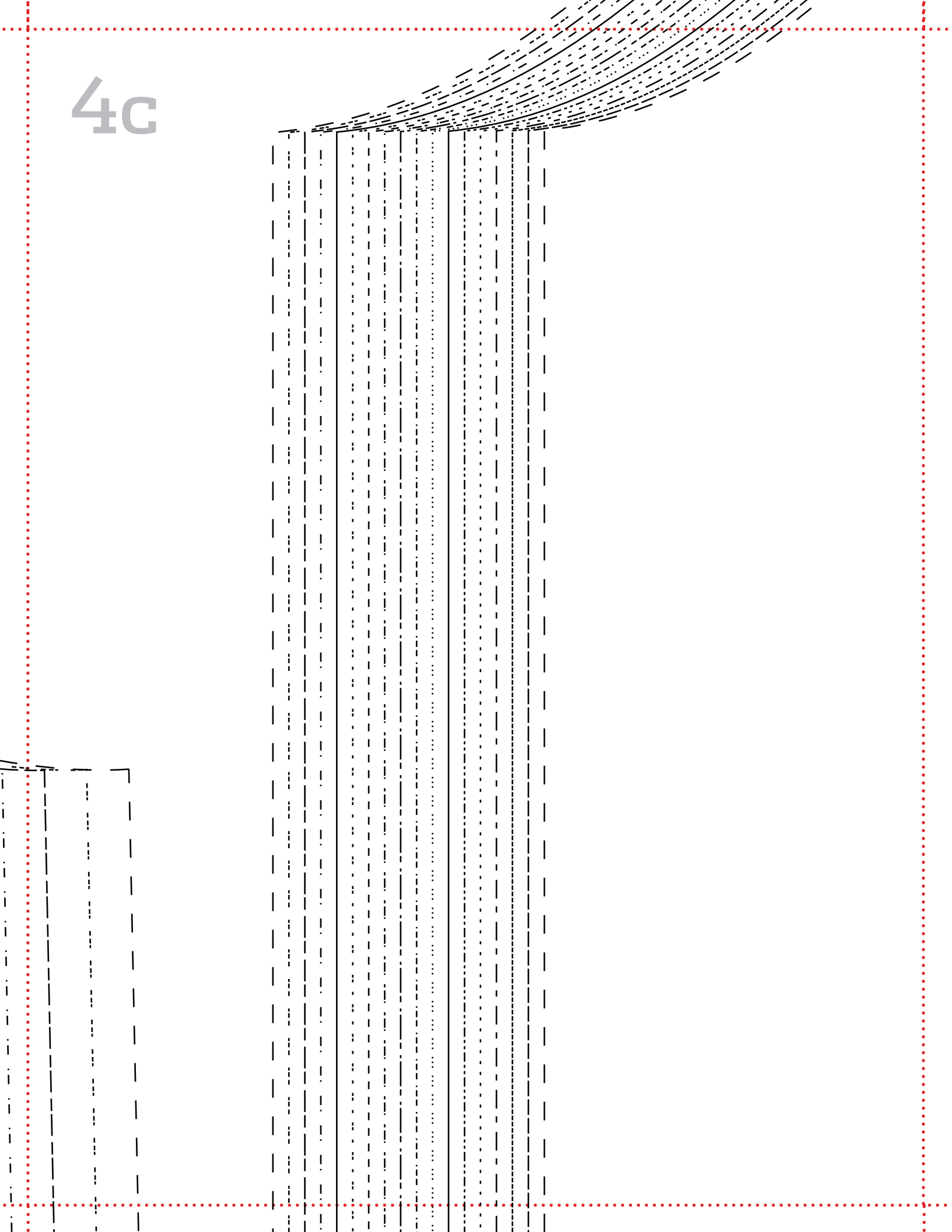

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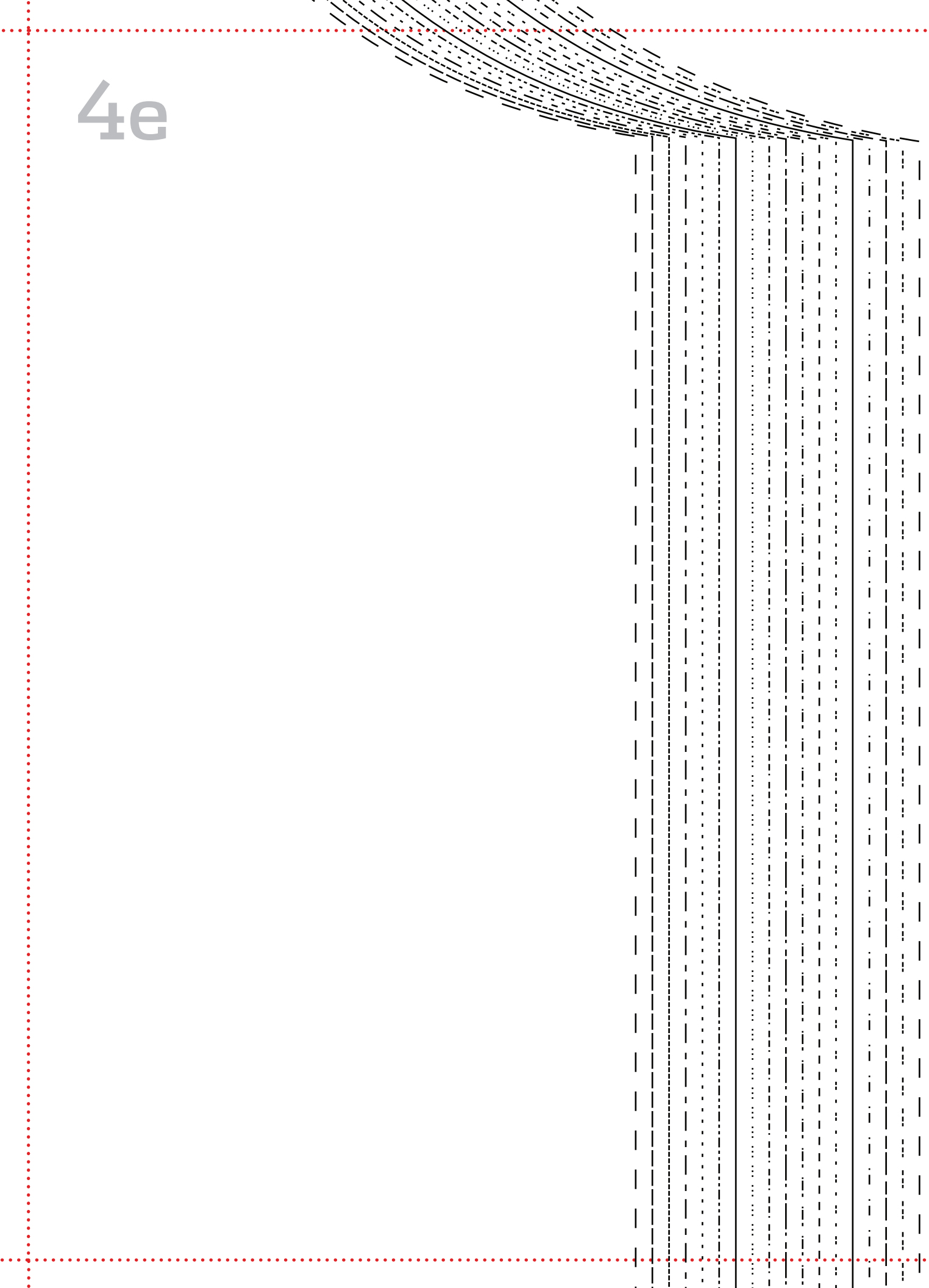

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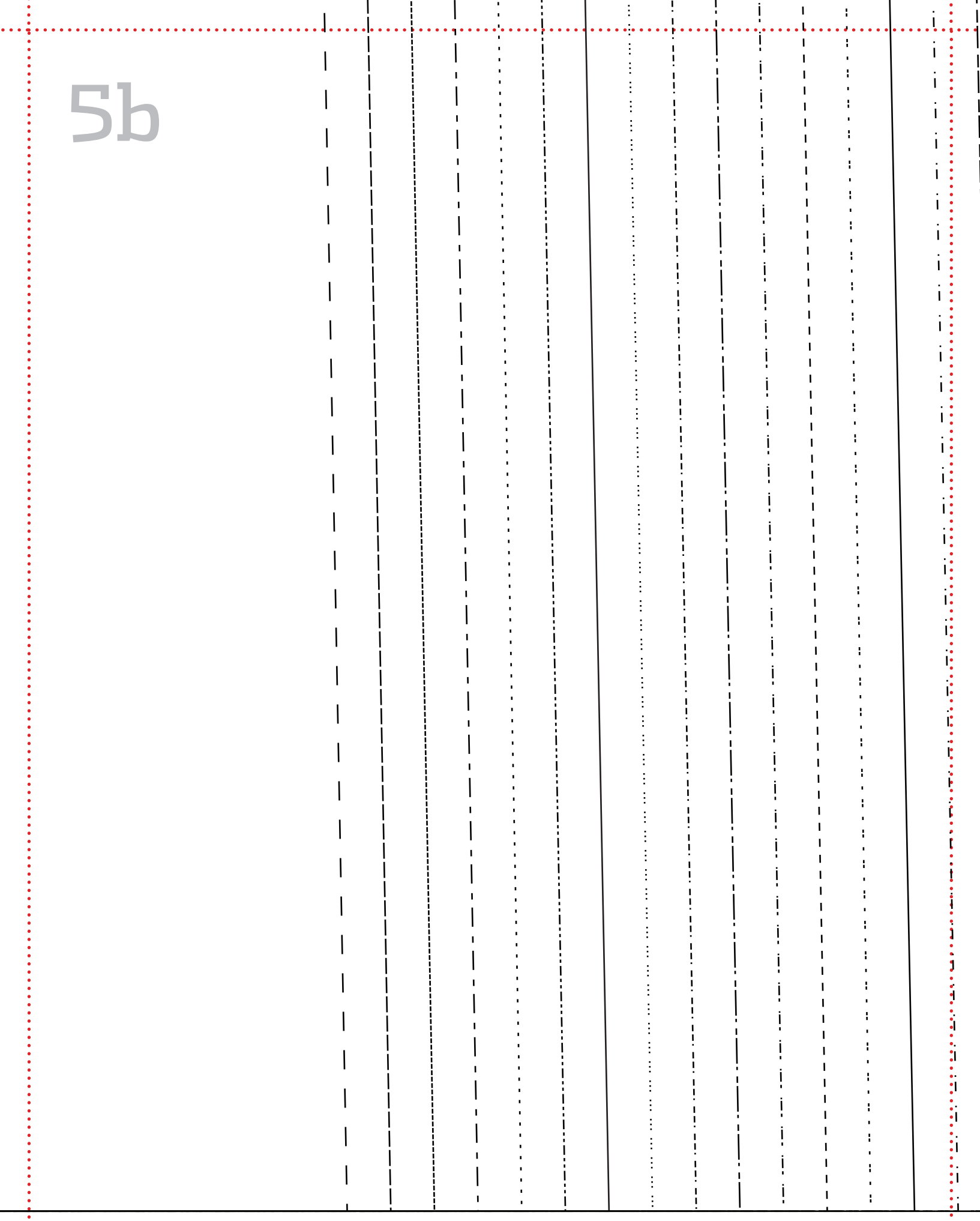

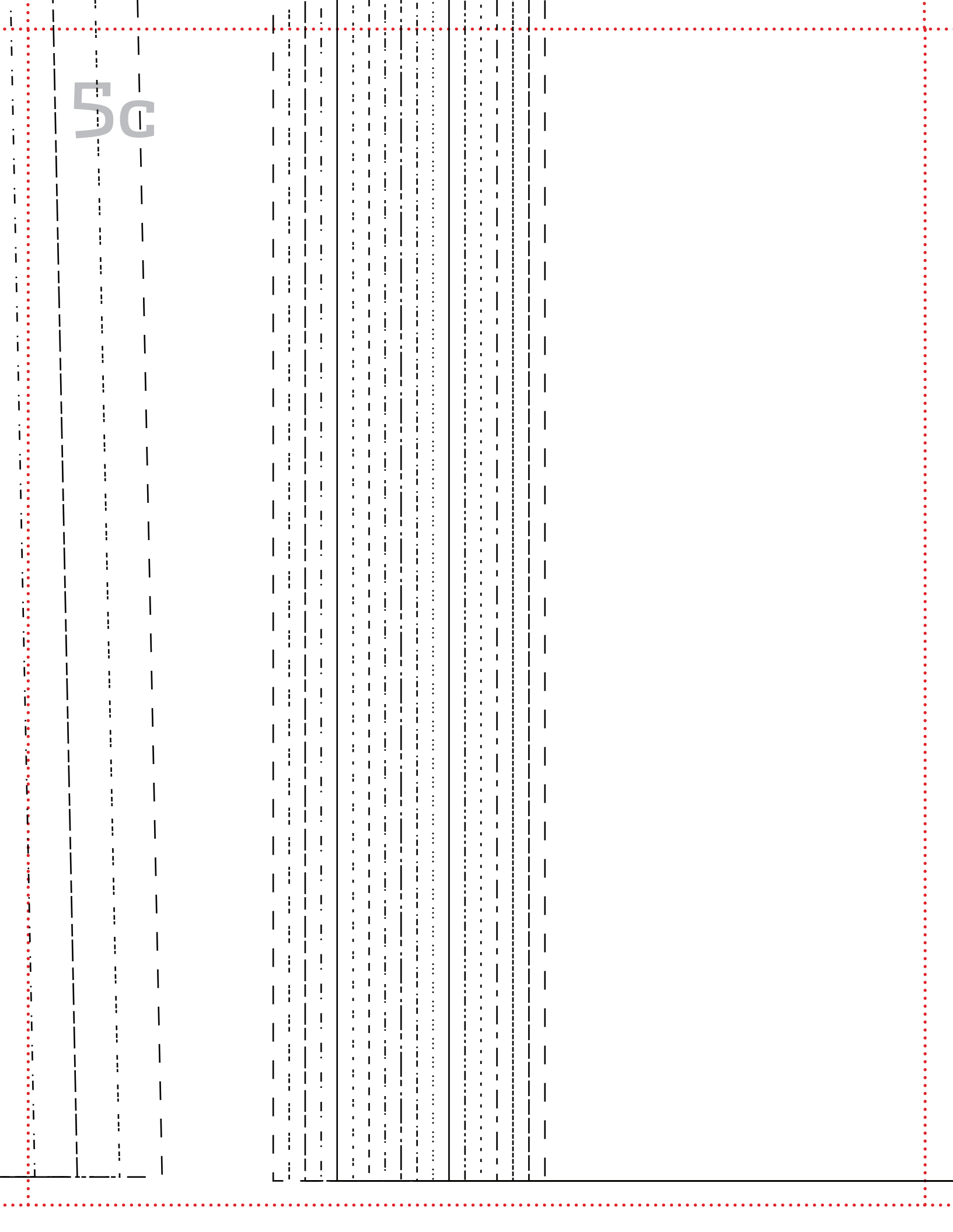
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